



# Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee

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## Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee State Capitol, Room 137 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 19-20

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order - Roll Call**

9:05 a.m. **SJ 33: Future Grid Policy Issues Overview**

1. Introduction and study overview – Mr. Graff
2. Ben Serrurier, Rocky Mountain Institute
3. Ric O'Connell, GridLab
4. Rob Gramlich, Grid Strategies LLC
5. Questions from the Committee
6. Instructions to Staff

10:30 a.m. **Utility Wildfire Liability Overview (Tab 2)**

1. Montana Liability Overview – Mr. Graff & Mr. Walker
2. Mark Hayden, General Manager Missoula Electric Cooperative
3. Northwestern Energy
4. Public Comment
5. Questions from the Committee
6. Instructions to Staff

12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:00 p.m. **Utah Community Renewables Initiatives**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Luke Cartin, Environmental Sustainability Director Park City Municipal
3. Public Comment

4. Questions from the Committee

2:15 p.m.

**USB Program Overview (Tab 3)**

1. Introduction and overview -- Mr. Graff
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the Committee
4. Committee action, if any

3:00 p.m.

**Geothermal Research Update**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Dr. John Metesh – State Geologist, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the committee
5. Committee action, if any

3:30 p.m.

**State Hydroelectric Projects Update (Tab 4)**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Brian Holling -- Bureau Chief, DNRC State Water Projects Bureau
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the committee
5. Committee action, if any

4:00 p.m.

**Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:15 p.m.

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## **Wednesday, July 20**

9:00 a.m.

**Call to Order**

9:05 a.m.

**Public Service Commission Overview**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Commission Update – James Brown, PSC chairman
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the Committee
5. Committee action, if any
9. Committee action, if any

10:00 a.m.

**Public Service Commission Pre-Introduction Proposals (Tab 5)**

1. Introduction – Mr. Graff
2. Commission Proposals
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the Committee
5. Committee action, if any

11:00 a.m.

**Administrative Rule Review (Tab 6)**

1. Introduction -- Mr. Walker
2. Questions from Committee
3. Public Comment
4. Committee action, if any

12:00 p.m.

**LUNCH**

1:05 p.m.

**Environmental Quality Council Update** -- Mr. Kolman

1:15 p.m.

**SJ 3: Nuclear Energy Regulatory Process (Tab 7)**

1. Introduction and Regulatory Overview – Mr. Graff
2. Stephen G. Burns, former Nuclear Regulatory Commissioner
3. State Perspectives
4. Public Comment
5. Questions from the committee

3:00 p.m.

**Montana Energy Developer Perspectives**

1. Introduction– Mr. Graff
2. Mark Klein, Chief Development Officer Broad Reach Power
3. Public Comment
4. Questions from the committee
5. Committee action, if any

3:30 p.m.

**ETIC Report Drafts**

1. Introduction and Study Overview – Mr. Graff
2. Public Comment
3. Questions from the committee
4. Committee action, if any

3:45 p.m.

**Public Comment** on matters within the jurisdiction of the ETIC

4:00 p.m.

**Other Business/Instructions to Staff**

1. Review of Committee Budget
2. Review of September Meeting Items

4:15 p.m.

**Adjourn**

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